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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

COTTON-GROWING IN THE EMPIRE.

LONDON, January 6th.
A conference of the representatives of the Lancashire Chambers of Commerce, and employers' and operatives' organisations was held at Manchester to consider the question of the best methods of increasing cotton-growing within the Empire, with a view to America's probable inability to supply England's future demands.
Sir William Barton moved a resolution urging the Government to take immediate steps to advance by every means cotton-growing within the Empire. He was of opinion that Mesopotamia was the most hopeful spot for Lancashire's future supply.

CLOSE FRIEND OF TROTSKY.

LONDON, January 6th.
Mr. Gregory Weinstein is ex-editor of the organ of the Russian Socialist Federation published here and is a close friend of Trotsky.

WOOD ALCOHOL CONSPIRACY.

NEW YORK, January 6th.
A man named D'Ambrino, who is alleged to be concerned in the wood alcohol conspiracy, has been arrested and has been held in \$25,000 bail.
He confessed to filling whisky barrels with crude alcohol at a Brooklyn undertaker's garage.
Bail was fixed at \$100,000 each for Romanelli, a Brooklyn undertaker, Sweeney, a Brooklyn druggist, and Ware, the latter's brother-in-law, who were charged by the Federal Agents with the responsibility for over a hundred deaths in New England cities at Christmas-tide. It is understood that the prisoners will be tried at Connecticut on a charge of manslaughter.

LORD JELLIHOE.

WASHINGTON, January 6th.
Lord Jellihoe was the guest of the American Navy at the house of Secretary Daniels. There was a great naval gathering, including naval attaches of the Embassies.
It is not certain whether Lord Jellihoe is leaving America to proceed to South Africa or direct to London.

VISCOUNT ASTOR'S WILL.

NEW YORK, January 6th.
The will of the late Viscount Astor has been filed for probate in the American courts, the value of which is not stated. The real estate in New York city alone is assessed at \$90,000,000 which had been transferred in trust for his two sons six months before his death.
The residue of the estate has been bequeathed to Captain the Honourable John Jacob Astor.

BRITISH TRADE RETURNS.

LONDON, January 7th.
The Board of Trade returns show that the value of the imports for December was \$185,000,000 and exports \$200,000,000, the increases being \$53,000,000 and \$52,000,000 respectively as compared with December 1919.
The imports for the year 1919 were \$1,633,000,000 and exports \$1,688,000,000, the increases being \$315,000,000 and \$229,000,000 respectively as compared with the year 1918.
The principal increases in the year in imports were food \$143,000,000 and raw materials \$158,000,000, of which \$40,000,000 was in cotton and \$28,000,000 in wool.
The increases in exports were in coal \$40,000,000, and manufactures \$225,000,000, including \$200,000,000 on account of cotton textiles and \$25,000,000 on account of woolen goods.

"ALLIED AND ASSOCIATED POWERS."

LONDON, January 6th.
The Times Paris correspondent says that the Temps, in an inspired explanation, indicates that the omission of the word "Associated" from the Supreme Council decisions was due to the fact that the United States Ambassador in Paris was not empowered to give his assent to certain decisions until he had obtained his Government's approval. Otherwise the Conference commissioners continue to be worded as from the "Allied and Associated Powers."

NEW FIFTEEN RESERVATIONS.

WASHINGTON, January 6th.
The Congress has resumed its sittings. Senator King, Democrat, has introduced a new resolution with fifteen reservations. He threatened to bring them up now, for discussion, unless progress was shown towards a compromise.

PEACE CONFERENCE PROBLEMS.

LONDON, January 6th.
Mr. Lloyd George yesterday presided at the first of a series of Cabinet Councils to be held this week for the purpose of settling the British attitude towards the outstanding Peace Conference questions, including the future of Turkey, Hungary, Bulgaria and the Adriatic.
When Mr. Lloyd George goes to Paris, probably on Thursday, he will be accompanied by Lord Curzon and Mr. Montagu, also possibly Mr. Bonar Law. The presence of Mr. Montagu is necessary in connection with the Turkish problem.
Signor Nitti and Signor Schiavina arrived last night to confer with Mr. Lloyd George for three days regarding Fiume and the Adriatic.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE REDS IN AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, January 6th.
Mr. Baker, the Secretary for War, announces that the Reds, recently arrested and now held for deportation, will be concentrated at Upton Camp, Long Island, which was one of the United States' Army camps in war time.

HAVAS REVIEW.

PARIS, January 5th.
A Havas message states:—
Though M. Clemenceau has so far refused to allow his candidature to be officially published, there is no doubt that he is ready to accept the almost unanimous desire of public opinion and undertake the burden of the Presidency.
In French political circles, the names of M. Millerand and M. Poincare are mentioned as the head of the future Ministry after M. Clemenceau's resignation.

Paris by the end of the week will again have a contingent of Allied Premiers and Foreign Ministers as during the first Peace Conference.
The daily meeting will be confined to the Big Four, but the Powers with minor interests will be called into consultation when their interests are discussed.
The French Minister of Reconstruction has reported to the Supreme Council the terms of arrangement with the German delegates concerning the Scape Flow compensation. Only 100,000 tons of material will be required immediately. The remainder may be reduced according to the conclusions of the Committee now investigating the situation in Germany.
The last difficulty to the exchange of ratifications of the Peace Treaty having been removed, the final ceremony leading to the coming into force of the Treaty will take place on the afternoon of January 10th.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

(BY COURTESY "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS.")

ANTHRAX-CARRYING SHAVING BRUSHES FROM JAPAN.

LONDON, January 6th.
The Ministry of Health announces that several cases of anthrax, two of which were fatal during the past few weeks, have been definitely traced to shaving brushes from Japan, and investigation have since revealed the arrival of several further tainted consignments from Japan. Consequently the Government is taking steps in regard to further importation of shaving brushes.

HIGHER PRICES FOR COTTON GOODS.

LONDON, January 6th.
It is estimated that the increase in railway rates which will be enforced on January 15th will mean an increase of 23d. per 21 in the price of cotton goods for export.

BRITISH FLOTILLA FOR CHINA STATION.

LONDON, January 6th.
The following vessels will assemble at Plymouth on January 15th to proceed to China Station (Columbo light cruiser), Jagannath, Balaak, Foghorn, and Bluebell (Sloops), and Cricket, Moth, Mantis, Cockatrice and Onda. The Colombo will be the Senior Officer's ship of the flotilla.

MODEST ENGINEERS.

I do feel very strongly that engineers, as a class, are too inarticulate. They prefer that their achievements should speak for them. There they make a big mistake. How often have we seen the credit for a clever piece of work filched from the man who was really responsible, just because he was too retiring or too altruistic to keep himself in evidence. I am not suggesting for one moment that a brother engineer would willingly or wittingly rob another of the work of his hand and brain. Engineers, as a rule, are quick to recognise a meritorious performance. But in all large and complicated enterprises there are always others—those whose work is administrative or clerical, or merely ornamental. These persons are apt to get into the limelight and take all the "kudos" not consciously, maybe, but simply and solely because they happen to be the only men in sight.
Marine engineers suffer a considerable measure of eclipse of this sort. Their best efforts, often masterpieces of ingenuity and design, are entombed in a kind of steel coffin, and never again see the light of day. And they themselves are out of sight also, and therefore out of mind. It took a "Titanic" disaster to impress upon a heedless world, the quiet heroism and devotion to duty that can exist down below among men who calmly control the volcanic energies of 100,000 h.p.
J. Hamilton Gibson in Engineering.

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MOTOR-CAR COACHWORK.

It is in the bodywork of the car that the march of progress is most likely to produce change in method, if not in outer form. In the 'nineties body space was grudgingly released by the chassis builder, and the word "compromise" was writ large all over the tonneau. To-day the specification shows exactly where the chassis ends and the coach work commences, everything connected to machined parts is carried on the chassis up to and including the instrument board, which on some of the more costly cars is very elaborate. It includes electric switches, voltmeters, engine-revolution indicator, a car-speed indicator, a petrol gauge and a clock; in fact, if a height-indicating barometer, were added for use on mountain roads, a thermometer for the temperature of the cooling water, and a compass as a guide in event of getting lost on dark nights, the fittings would nearly equal those of the aeroplane.

Coachwork to-day has reached the stage at which the artist is brushed aside by the producer. The designs of car bodies are falling into a few standard styles—open, partially enclosed, and wholly enclosed—two, four or more seated. The lines are becoming more stereotyped, and originality is losing ground. But this change is as inevitable in the car as it was in the public service vehicle. We cannot do a thing but read from the formulae or first editions, but for the matter of the day we must take the products of the line type or Monotype and of the Hoe press; similarly, we must accept the mass-produced car body for much of our future travelling. This change has occurred before in the industry when railway coaches were required in large numbers, and the history of that change, as written in the works, shows that there is no need for despair among the highly skilled coach builders, for real skill will always command its market. On high-class coach work there is no dearth, as is evidenced in the fine examples exhibited, the results of the best efforts of men who have worked wood as a material they loved. They have humoured it, or firm and fibrous, drilling each screw hole to two sizes for thread and shank, and unsinking to the proper depth and bringing the nicks of the screws in line with the grain; they have attained a finish perhaps beyond that of the shipwright's cabinet-maker. These men can go to the show and feel proud of their work. They have had little chance to show to connoisseurs their coachwork as it should be shown, that is before it is filled, painted and varnished, for then one can see as the gods see, and the tradesman can point to his handiwork with justifiable pride in joints so well fitted that they will remain sound after years of racking on the road.—Engineering.

SEATTLE'S NEW PIER.

Seattle is building what shipping authorities declare will be the largest commercial pier in the world. This enterprise will cost \$2,500,000 and will be ready for use by May 1, 1920.
The new terminal will be known as Smith Cove Pier B. It will be 2,500 feet long and 365 feet wide. Eleven ocean-going vessels will be able to dock at one time along this pier. The first transit shed will be 500 feet long and 120 feet wide, but eventually the wharf will have two transit sheds 1,000 feet long by 120 feet in width. At no port on the seven seas is there a commercial pier as large as this, according to officials of the Seattle Port Commission.
The Substructure of the terminal is 80 per cent complete and the rock rip-rap work is 60 per cent finished.
The new Seattle shipping terminal not only will be equipped with the modern devices for handling cargo, but will have passenger accommodations, waiting rooms and landing stages.
Work on the fill beneath the center of the wharf, which will require 615,000 cubic yards of earth, is progressing rapidly with only 5,000 cubic yards more to be placed.
The new pier will be practically a duplicate of the Port Commission's present Smith Cove Pier A, but considerably longer. The Port of Seattle now has upwards of \$13,000,000 invested in deepwater piers, transit sheds, grain elevators, cold storage plants and other ocean terminal facilities, all of which are publicly owned and operated. Each month the operation of these facilities shows a profit, so that no tax levies against property holders of Seattle are necessary to maintain these terminals.

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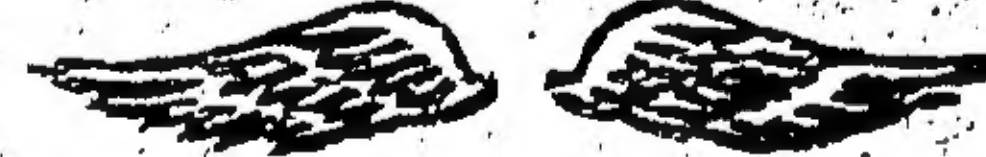
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oak sideboard, dinner cushions, low
chest, oak overmantel, pictures, orna-
ments, bronze incense burner, dinner
service, electro-plated ware, cutlery,
glassware, etc., etc.

Oak wardrobe with bevelled glass
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Also
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INTIMATIONS.



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DAY, 14th January, 1920, at 11
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1919.The REGISTER of SHARES of
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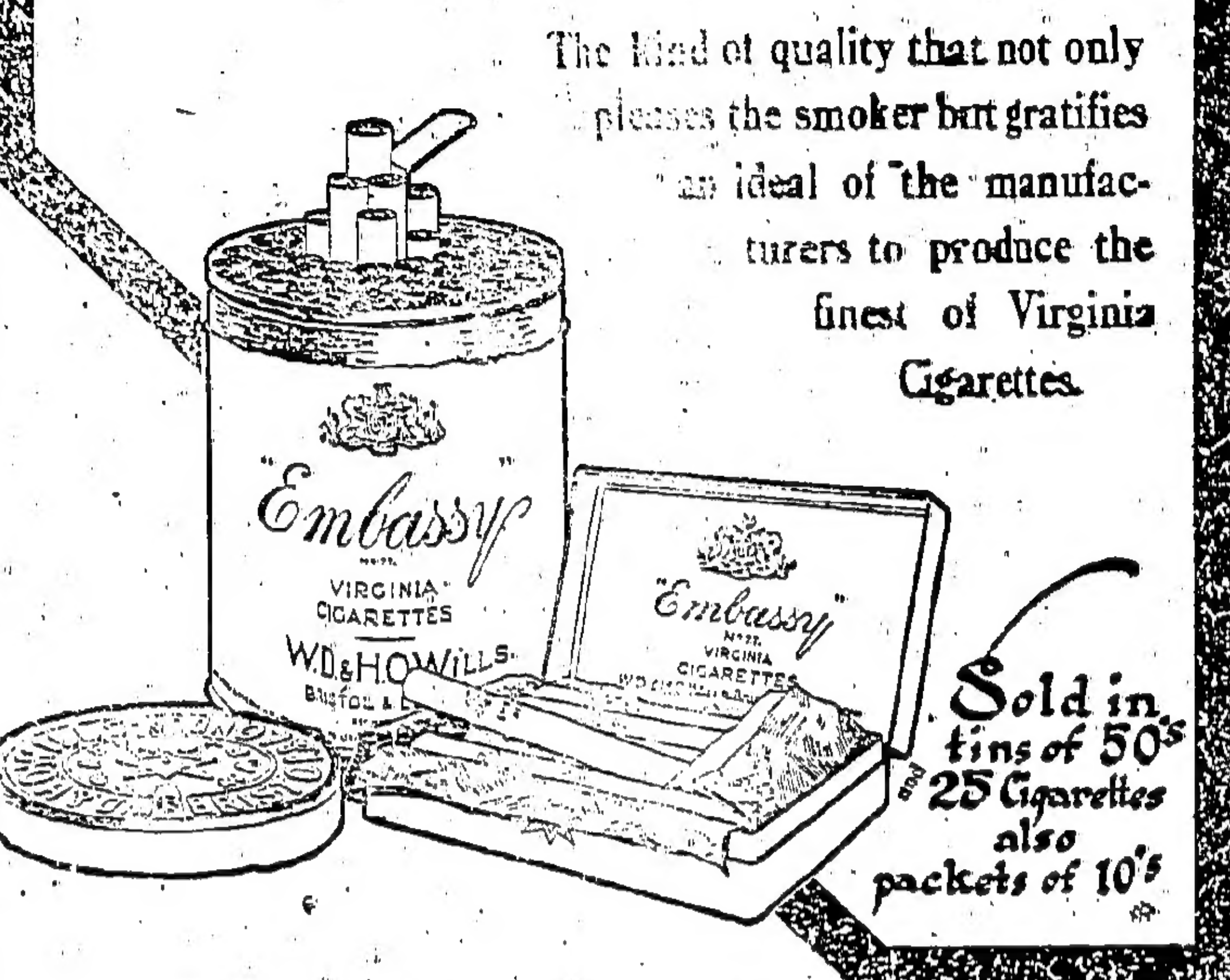
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CLOTHES AND THE

GOLFER

There are many delightful things about golf at Wimbledon. There is an atmosphere about it, best described by the expression beloved of mendacious house agents, "old-world." Perhaps nothing there can give quite so agreeable a thrill as the sight of some of the members still going forth to battle in red coats. These gentlemen for the most part are not young, and their coats are all old, workman-like, and faded by wind and weather. Indeed, it is probable that to-day no one ever sees a new red coat. If anyone ever buys one he presumably allows it to mellow secretly on clothes pegs in some secluded nook. We may possibly not aspire to wear a red coat ourselves, but the sight of one brings with it a nice little sentimental feeling in our insides.

To me personally it recalls a red coat with a light blue collar, faded to dirty white, and a coat of arms blazing with gold and ermine on the breast pocket, a light blue cap, with silver crossed clubs never worn for fear of ridicule and the Blues Committee, and—this with blushes for my youthful taste—a red double-breasted waistcoat with gold buttons and light blue facings. I am quite sure that I do not want to wear that waistcoat, but I may say of it, with Mr. Pecksniff, "I will now, if you will give me leave, retire to shed a few tears in the back garden."

Something of picturesque and colour has gone with the red coat, and yet the fact that there is now no golfing uniform makes for an infinite and fascinating variety. In an account of early golfing days at Oxford Mr. Horace Hutchinson once wrote that the thing that surprised people beyond everything else was that there was a game that a man played in his ordinary clothes. This sounds drab and prosaic, but it is really the ordinary clothes of the golfer that are so extraordinarily romantic. A cricket team, especially in these hatless days, looks almost drearily uniform. There are exceptions, and the little red and yellow cap perched on the mighty head of "W.G." or Mr. Warner's Hales-quinn cap are part of history, but as a rule the eleven in the field are as like as eleven peas. It is not so with golfers, and you may tell—

By port and vest,
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Mr. Hilton's white gymnasium shoes; Ray's green hat; Mr. Ball's button hole, which he wears only on the golf course; frequent occasions on which he is playing in a champion-ship final; Horle's light coat and dark trousers; Taylor's coat of green stock-ings with the coat collar turned up as if against those squalls of rain and wind through which he loves to buffet his way—these things and others that I could name can be recognized as

far off as the swings of the players. They are full of dramatic memories of great matches. It is only another Lavengro could describe them; they might go down to posterity with Tom Trickett's white hat or the brown coat of Hippis of Jack Randall, and give to unborn generations a picture of bygone heroes. As to lady champions it does not perhaps, befet a man to speak, but a certain light blue turban that Miss Duddell used to bind round her head when she was Miss Ravenscroft has impressed its vivid image on my mind for ever.

In the more spacious days of cricket, when there were fewer counties in the world, there used now and then to be matches between Smokers and Non-smokers, Married and Single. Similarly there might at golf be an interesting match between Trousers and Knickerbockers. It would not be very hard to allot a player to one side or the other, for though there may be a few capricious and changeable creatures who are "stick to either one or the other." Indeed, the grotesque improbability of Ernie in knickerbockers has been a favourite subject with our golfing caricaturists. There was a time when trousers were thought to be the mark of the professional. I turned up the other day a photograph of an old friend putting in his own inimitably graceful style. He is depicted in very baggy trousers and a reding-bell coat, and there are suspicious indications that under his upturned collar there is no other kind of collar whatever. I then remembered that that photograph was taken somewhere where he was supposed to have asked, "Whether Mr. So-and-so was a plumbler or a slater," and it is certain that he has appeared ever since in the most immaculate knickerbockers. These are now changed, and if any gentleman with an eighteen-handicap has a fancy for missing the globe club in trousers he will not delude anybody into the belief that he is a professional golfer.

There is one point that to an inveterate watcher of disreputable trousers always appears mysterious. Why should people put on knickerbockers on a blazing summer's day when they would be infinitely cooler in bannels merely because they are going to play golf? Even in America, where golf is played in a temperature that we

TREATMENT OF

NEUROTICS.

"Our attitude towards modern miracles" was the chief theme of the presidential address to the Birmingham and Midland Institute recently delivered by Sir Rickman J. Godlee. The war, he said, provided an enormous field for the observation of nervous disease and an opportunity for testing the effects of treatment by suggestion, by hypnosis, and by psycho-analysis. A conscript army contained more neurotics than a voluntary army because few neurotics volunteered. This, and the terrifying effect of modern trench warfare, explained why in 1917 one-seventh of the total discharges, including wounded, were permanently unfit on account of functional or mental disease. It was thus seen how large a proportion of the male population of this highly civilised country had a neurotic disposition. It was the universal opinion, however, that no new nervous diseases had been caused by the war. They had all been met with before in civil practice. More wonderful cures than those of the mesmerists were now constantly brought about by the simple process of natural conversation. The hypnotic state could be used and abused therapeutically, and was sparingly employed in the treatment of hysterical soldiers. In spite of the assurances of professors the science of psychology was in its infancy.

should consider prohibitive, one may see men playing in shirtsleeves, thick tweed knickerbockers, and colossal boots. Perhaps such people are afraid of tempting a malignant providence by the slightest change, or it may be that the sight of their own translated legs would put them off their stroke. With this last motive I feel a sneaking sympathy, for I can remember a time when my legs, if knickerbockered, utterly declined to put themselves in the right place upon the putting green. This mood has passed with the years, however, and a course of playing in puttees, gum boots, field boots, and gaiters has taught me the valuable, if belated, lesson that one can miss the ball in anything.

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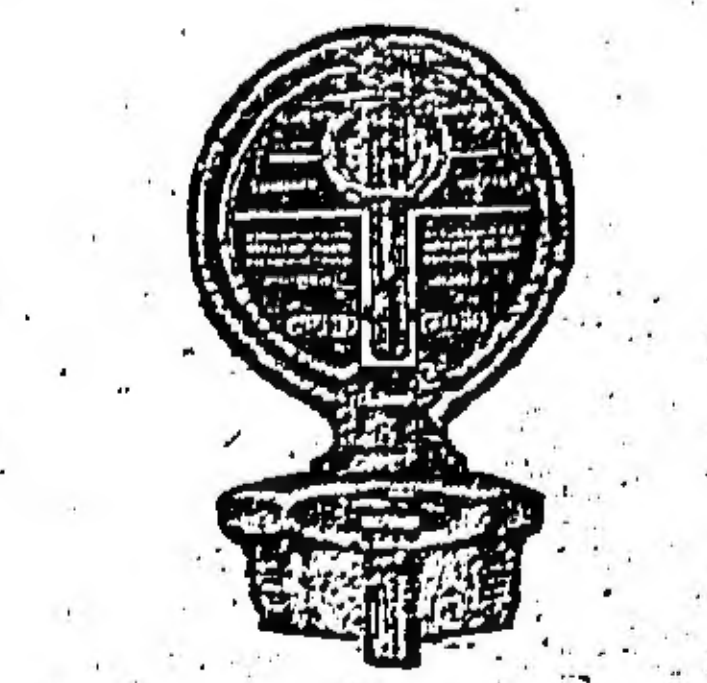
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They have stopped at that, and have
gone on to think of other things,
whether for example, it would not be
a wise thing to put the bulk of their
capital into pearls, in order to avoid
a levy on their money balances. It is
not so with Mr. Mikimoto of Tokyo.
He has been working at the produc-
tion of pearls for a great many
years and now we are told he
has a regular pearl-oyster farm in a
bay of the prefecture of Miye. He
can produce flat pearls and round
pearls at will. The round pearls are
the harder to turn out and that is
why they are so dear. An oyster
can make a flat pearl in four years;
but it cannot manage a round one
under seven. The situation of the
oyster farm is, it appears, a matter
of the greatest importance. There
must be a constant current of
water and it must be warm or
at any rate, it must on no account
be cold, must be sheltered from the
wild and there must be no sea
waves breaking on the shore. Mr.
Mikimoto has been carrying on long
and patient experiments and now it
is said he has established a system
which may be as unpleasant for the
old pearl market as the manu-
facture of synthetic rubies. He be-
gan his studies at the beginning
of the century and it is only now
that he is confident that he has
solved the problem. As far as the
round pearl is concerned he did not
reach success until the Great War
was half way through. Now he is
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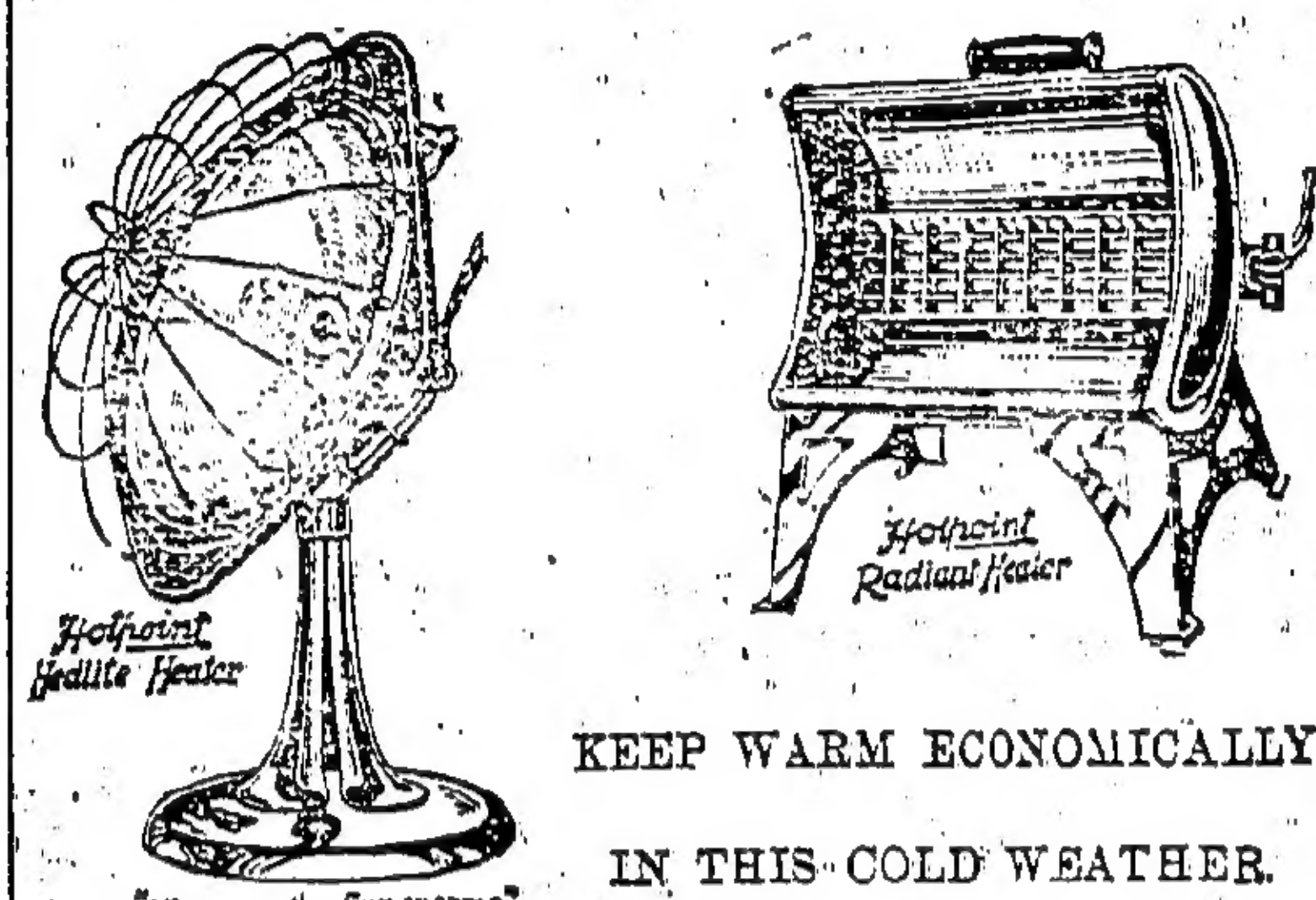
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Now that the "bookings" opera, is thoroughly well established and the success of our operatic visitors assured, the Adversarialist can do no harm by revealing the secret thoughts of his mind concerning opera. Music is an intellectual stuff that proves nothing, and it has nothing legitimately to do with the drama. Our critic who wrote about appropriate action, appropriate gestures, etc. at the opera wrote about something that does not and cannot exist. There are no actions appropriate to operatic singing. From the very nature there is no illusion, such as drama offers. We know that men and women do not sing their passions. They talk, or they shout. Opera is unreal and always unconvincing. The influence of music on the emotions is real enough, but there is no canon. Like emotions can be induced by other stimuli, by smells, by gastric processes, by colours, by any sensory events. A melody that puts one man in one mood may put another man in another. Handel's dead march from "Saul" suggests cheerful sounds to the writer. To the same, that chorus de temps jadis called "Hi-tiddle-de-hi" was a source of depression and gloom. Othello growling, hoarsely, "O God! that we should call these delicate creatures ours," is very convincing. His grief moves us. A high tenor singing his jealousy makes us want to giggle. We know that his mind is concentrated on the right note, and has no room for the soul's torment of the jealous male. The fact that auditors of opera sung in a foreign tongue always want to be told "the story" in plain English, on their programmes or elsewhere, indicates that the music does not tell them what it means. "Now he is sorry he didn't stab her. Ah! yes. Doesn't the music express his emotion exactly? His actions, how appropriate!" Thus they prate, the pretenders. If the programme said the tenor was sorry because he had eaten a hard Italian sausage with too many peppers in it, the music and the actions would fit just as well, would be just as truly expressive. The "atmospheric impressiveness" would be equal. Even the "motive" would be identical. Let us agree, of course, that the noises may be agreeable. So are some smells, some colours, some shapes, some savours and flavours and tastes. But they prove nothing. They teach nothing. They gratify a purely sensual appetite; they make no appeal

to the intellect. The Adversarialist goes not to grand opera. He prefers Bridge, and to go for the grand slam.

IN SPIRIT OF WHICH.

There is in the foregoing no suggestion that unintellectual emotions and sensations ought not to be cultivated. Some readers would immediately draw that conclusion, but they would have no right to do so. Life is full of feelings and emotions that cannot be intellectually derived, defended, or explained, yet they are part of life, and may be good. They may even be wholesome. Where men err is in claiming intellectualism for them, and in using its terms to define and defend them. Prejudices and predilections are not convictions and thoughts. "Faith" is independent of syllogisms. Intuition have their uses, but they cannot be defended in terms of reason, and the attempt should not be made. The music lover may enjoy a certain sequence of notes, and even imagine that they convey to him certain things. These are not "ideas." He may not claim that they should convey the same things to another person, for they will not and cannot. Only the sole licit currency of thought, carefully weighed and paid, can do that; and that not always or in all cases.

FORMALISM AND REPETITION.

The Kreuzer Tolstoi said it did. It never did for us, and for those who hear it frequently (say, on a gramophone) it will not. The psychologist of advertising says that if you say a thing often enough it sinks in and gets home. There is some truth in that. It is probably true of pithy statements. But Jesus saw in "vain repetitions" the danger of formalism. He had probably seen it among the pious Pharisees. He told us that he had noticed it among the heathen, wherever they were, who were addicted to "much speaking." (That is a chapter full of remarkable interest, the 6th Matthew. If you haven't read it lately, you should look it up.) Of a musical composition, we know it is by nature liable to much vain repetition. Any message it might be assumed to have must lose force, when the amateur vocalist who has rendered "Queen of the Earth" for the hundredth time is asked what lady he was singing about, and cannot tell you. He "knows" the tune, he "knows" the words, but he hasn't an idea what it is all about.

THE FLATTERY OF MUSIC.

Music is like a cor- OF MUSIC. confirms. It "agrees" with people. No man needs to be told that his country and his nation is the best in

the world. He feels that to start with, and so he claims to know it. The word "patriotic" is presented to him in that connection, and he entertains a vague and nebulous emotion which he calls patriotism. So with music. Predisposed to gentle melancholy, to amorosness, or to martial ardour, music is poured over his predisposition. It acts like a sort of varnish. The picture is not in the varnish, and did not come from it. The extraordinary thing about mankind is their capacity for acquiring ideas and facts and formulas without realizing that all these things have practical applications. If a man is already disposed to kiss a girl, a girl kissing piece of music, an amorous poem, or even a friendly hint to prose, will start him off. But no piece of music, and no collection of words, will stimulate him to do the opposite of his desire. His instinct will almost always override his knowledge.

Chemistry. Whose knowledge is practical and great. Such knowledge should change life for him, affect his daily conduct, and make him different from other men. He will eat the breast of a snipe with enjoyment, but when advised to eat the brain and other parts he manifests repugnance. He has a disgust, and abides by it, not letting his reason, and his knowledge, influence him. When we first realized that "all flesh is grass," we instantly, and as it were automatically, abandoned for ever certain arguments in favour of vegetarianism that we had previously regarded as sound. The only argument against carnivorosness that has validity for us now is the same as that against cannibalism, namely, toward the victim. An Australian could not feel soft-hearted towards rabbits, nor admit the sanctity of life in their case. We feel no love for pigs and cows as living brethren, and though intellect suggests that they have as much right to live as we have, or more, since they do less harm in the world, we eat them. Intellect further suggests that as Germans were still less loveable, there could have been no logical objection to eating a fat one, other meat being scarce. Yet note what an outcry there was about the report that they themselves had used for their own dead bodies. The most familiar instance is the modern Christian, who (so far as general observation goes) assents to creeds without living the holy life that is a *sine qua non*. He cannot prove the worth of his creed in terms of the intellect, since it is super-intellectual, a thing of the "spirit" (which we know not) rather than of the mind (which we do). The only way for him to prove it is to demonstrate it by the practical application of it to his life and daily conduct. By his fruits, we might know him. By his words, never. It is some melody of the soul to which he harkens, and by which he professes to be moved. The rationalist (a hopeless person) retorts that it is a melody, not a melody. Yet the analogy is good. When we see the majority of an audience at opera moved similarly and influenced similarly, we shall be able to regard operatic music differently. So with the spiritual music. At present our language is not the same as theirs, and intercommunication is impossible.

As for patriotism, emotional and rational, we PATRIOTISM ought perhaps to explain and amplify a previous passing reference. Chauvinism is emotional and unintellectual; patriotism is both. It is the person denounced by the chauvinist as disloyal who is usually most patriotic. Let us postulate the various nations as thieves. (The figure is not inapt.) The chauvinistic nationalist cries aloud in the market place, "My nation has stolen less than any other. Behold, it is not as others are. It is therefore the best." His fellow national, an ardent patriot in spite of having more intellect, listens and considers. He conceives that honesty is the implicit ideal, even in Chauvinism, otherwise why that boast? He recognizes that his nation is not honest, otherwise why that same boast? He conceives that were it perfectly honest it would be the best, and he ardently and patriotically preaches honesty. The Chauvinist, lacking intellect, calls this sedition, disloyalty, etc., and wants the patriot suppressed. Both are under the influence of music, of soul music, and one of them is drunk with it—he has taken it neat—the other has kept sober by mixing with it the intellectual soda.

That is nearly all we know about opera. You would hardly expect that opera, grand opera, implicated such diverse things as psychology, the processes of degeneration and digestion, sexual jealousy, sausage, smells, Auction Bridge, religious faith, advertising, principles, flattery, patriotism, human inconsistency, kissing, chemistry, ripe snipe, vegetarianism, cannibalism, Australian rabbits, Germans, and other heterogeneous matters. Perhaps all this shows that there are more things in music than we dreamed of. Never was the title of Adversaria more justifiably employed, except perhaps in the case of a haggis. From Carmen to the chief Scottish pudding is far enough for one day.

Spent your Evenings in a "WALLA WALLA" Launch.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SHIPOWNERS AND ARBITRATION.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail".]

Dear Sir,—Mr. E. A. M. Williams of Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews has written us with reference to the statement appearing in your issue of the 6 instant, relative to his having been nominated by the Engineers and Officers Guilds to represent them, at the forthcoming arbitration for an increase in wages. The statement that Mr. Williams was nominated is correct, and his name was submitted by us to the Shipowners Protection Association for their approval, it being a term of the agreement for arbitration that each party's arbitrator should be approved by the other side. We have now heard from the Shipowners Protection Association that they disapprove of Mr. Williams as an arbitrator, and Mr. Williams feels that he has been placed thereby in a false position.

We shall therefore be obliged if you would insert a short paragraph in your next issue to the effect that though Mr. Williams was nominated as arbitrator by the Guilds, his nomination was not approved of by the owners when submitted to them.

Yours faithfully,
HASTINGS & HASTINGS.

HONGKONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Following are extracts from the fortnightly report:

Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods.—New Year sales are conspicuous by their absence. There is no lack of demand but neither buyers nor sellers care to enter into forward transactions and prefer to await the arrival of Spot cargo. New records have been established in Manchester prices and Cotton is quoted at 31.25.

Cotton Yarn.—Limited transactions took place for early requirements. Values show a small decline in sympathy with the appreciation in Exchange.

Quotations are—No. 10s at \$220/250. No. 12s at \$235/272. No. 16s at \$285/325. No. 20s at \$325/355. Arrivals: 13,000 bales. Sales 2,000 bales. Shipments nil. Unsold Stock: 5,000 bales. Bargains: 22,000 bales.

Woolens.—Small business doing. Quite a good trade could be done if prices and deliveries were more reasonable.

Raw Cottons.—The position is unchanged, nominal quotations remaining at \$44/56 for Indian and \$48/60 per picul for Chinese descriptions.

Metals.—Business extremely quiet. Small lots of Wire Nails have been done at increased prices. Home prices have increased very considerably, with makers well filled with orders. Legal advances on the local market from \$8.50 to \$11.50 a demand setting in from Japan.

Flour market report.—Stock: About 350,000.

Quotations:—American Patent, \$3.60 per sack, American Cut off, \$3.30 per sack, American Straight, \$3.28 per sack, Japanese 2nd Patent (old stock), \$3.10 per sack, Japanese 3rd Patent, Japanese Straight, \$3.10 per sack, Shanghai Flour 3rd, \$3.10 per sack, Australian No. 1, \$3.20 per sack, Australian No. 2, \$3.00 per sack, Australian No. 3, nil.

POSSESSION OF ARMS.

Two Chinese were this morning charged before Mr. N. L. Smith with the unlawful possession of parts of a revolver. Serjt. Fallon said that the second defendant was arrested on board a ship by a Chinese constable who found the contraband concealed in a basket. He was brought to the wharf where witness questioned him. Whilst so engaged, witness noticed the first defendant leaving the ship. As he acted in a suspicious manner, witness arrested him and he admitted that the basket was his, but denied all knowledge of the revolver. In a purse found in his pocket, were found screws which fitted various parts of the revolver. The second defendant said that he was only looking after the basket which belonged to the first defendant. His Worship discharged the second defendant and sentenced the first defendant to a fine of \$250.

Another Chinese who was charged with the unlawful possession of a revolver and 70 rounds of ammunition said that he was a new arrival from America and did not know local regulations. He was also fined \$250. The contrabands were in both cases confiscated.

SPECIAL CABLES.

SHANGHAI HAS AERO CLUB.

AMERICANS START THE FIRST IN CHINA.

[CHINA MAIL SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 10.

The nucleus of the first aero club of China was formed at an American Rotary Club luncheon. The organization is temporary, pending a permanent club to be affiliated with the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, representing worldwide aerial bodies. Shanghai's importance in any scheme of a world aerial Derby, is recognised.

TROUBLE EXPECTED AT SHANGHAI.

TENSION AND REPRESENTATION.

[CHINA MAIL SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 10.

Municipal rates are due for payment on Friday. General refusal by Chinese shopkeepers is promised. The council will enforce payment in the mixed court, using the distraint process against the agitators. Active trouble is likely to occur. The council is fully prepared for emergencies.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(By arrangement with Wah Tsz Yat Po.)

SHANGHAI, January 9.

The Premier has proposed to issue a domestic loan for the 9th year of the Republic to meet the military expenses. It will be a short period one.

Premier Kan Wan Pang wires Mr. Chum Chuen-hsun that opium must be strictly prohibited in Yunnan and Fukien.

All the Chinese Ministers abroad have wired the Government advising that no concession should be given on the Shantung case. The original firm attitude must be carried through and must not be influenced by the Japanese.

The International Anti-Opium Association wires to complain that the opium seeds that were detained at Hupeh, have been transported to Hunan under the compulsion of the Hunan Tschun.

Mr. Li Sze Hoo, the Financial Minister, still requests Messrs. Too Yulin and Lu Chung Yu, the notorious pro-Japanese officials, to get a loan of \$20,000,000 from Japan with the surplus revenues of Customs and Salt as its security.

The Minister of Education has issued a strong order to all the academies and primary schools now "on strike" to resume study from the 15th inst.

The British V. lister at Peking has lodged a strong protest against General Chang King Yao for private ly transporting opium seeds to Hunan.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 5s. 4d.

Two cases of enteric fever are recorded in to-day's return.

Consignees are reminded that all goods per the s.s. "Kumsanz" not cleared by Monday next will be subject to rest.

Practice dances for the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders' annual ball will take place in the City Hall on January 16th and 23rd at 5 p.m.

A bunch of keys which was found by one of the Hotel Boys in the City Hall on Tuesday night has been handed over to the Secretary of the Society of St. George.

We are asked to remind our readers of Major Bowen's lecture on "Women's work in the War" which takes place on Monday, January 12 at the Helena May Institute at 5.30 p.m.

The fancy dress ball given at "Kingsclere" last night was largely attended. Mrs. Havelock-Davies secured the prize for the most original costume, representing "Prehistoric Woman" and Mr. T. D. Moorhead won the gentlemen's prize with a costume representing an old woman.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company have moved into new premises on the ground floor of Hotel Mansions. The new offices when completed, will occupy the whole of the corner building from Messrs. Moutries on Charter road to Messrs. Falconer and Company on Pedder Street.

The afternoon concert at Wise-man's yesterday was well patronized. Miss Shirley Cooke and Mr. George Fitchner were in great form and with humorous solos and duets they entertained the audience for over an hour. There will be a further performance on Monday afternoon next when Mr. Sydney Manning and Miss Shirley Cooke will appear.

INTERCEPTED LETTERS.

MAGGIE ATTENDS SIXON BALL.

Dear Kirstie,

A must tell ye a' about the St. George's Ball. We, av course, were there.—Wullie in his new coat an' me in ma frock that shows sich a lot o' ma back, maist attractive, ye ken. An' A could ha'e had ma programme fill twice over. A'm shair it was either ma back or the mak Wullie jealous that accounted for the number o' swains that buzzed round, but my. A did enjoy masel. Coside over the entrance they had an awfu' lot o' wee red lamps an' a big "St George for England" in white lamps. Maist attractive," says Wullie, "an' warm-lookin' ae." When we got inside a' the stair-case was fu' o' plants an' coloured lights an' red carpet makin' a real fairy land an' a nuckle greet pictur' at the heid o' the stair wi' St. George (wha micht ha'e cam aff a collar advertisement fur he had sich a nice face) an' a soldier an' a sailor, wha also had kinema heroes' dial. My, but A felt like fa'in in love wi' George. He was that bonny.

A'm wishin' they'd gien me the lamp they had outside the Card Rooms, wi' "Boodles" on it. "Artisteek" sighed Wullie, wi a flourish o' ane o' his best cegars, "why didna A think o' da'e in yin fur ye, Magg?" It was dae fine ye ken fur ma landin' light an' it was be-queirte true fur they're a' keen on "Old Maid" the noo. They play every night frae 9.30 to midnight, an' Wullie's been Old Maid mair nor twenty times. A ca' it silly, A do.

But the lamp itself gared me think o' the times they used ta' ha'e when Sheridan and Goldsmith an' they ther fine writers were alive. The Pig an' Whuskie opposite Boodles was prently fu' a' the time especially when A went ta' luk fur Wullie. An' found him tellin' yams ta' a' his freens, an' they were a' drinkin' tae, eter promisn' me tae keep af it until ether the supper. Men are awfu. They mak a' sorts o' promises tae mak ye love them, an' brak them when they think ye're no lookin'.

Frae ma point o' view the frocks the wimmen were weerin' were the prettiest A've seen fur an' awfu' long time; yin or twa seemin' tae ha'e cam frae the hands o' Paquin. (Like ma ain). The yin wi' an oblong brocade had ha'e been better set af in a less crowded place, but it was somethin' oot o' the ordinary. Yin o' blue an' gold brocade took ma fancy. It seemed to be draped over blue satin, wi a gold ribbon comin' frae somewhere on the bodice, an' from what A've been hearin' frae ma cousin Yvonne in Paris it was yin o' the latest things. A could write mair nor a book about them but A'll juist say that the maist o' the goons were new an' showed remarkable guid taste o' the wearers, especially yin o' black lace over white. It was a real peach o' a gown, an' altho the skirt was long it was real charmin', an' very womanly.

The corridors outside the Ha' (ball room A mean) lookit like the edge o' the baths wi' wee cubicles wi' twa chairs in each. A' can tik a' the fun an' sport gaein, but A think we could ha'e din wi' cot they boxes, an' there's mair nor a few misunderstandings through them. A' hope is that they dinna pit them up next time, fur the Colony folks need na'e encourage the drop tae lower levels, frae the yin they're already on, God savin' the mark. The moral sense o' Britshers (ether they grown up) is an awfu' queer thing, an' A sometimes wonder if we ha'e any.

But A've forgotten ta' tell ye that yin o' the ball rooms was the prettiest A've e'er seen. Long strings o' white an' purple-blue rollers hangin doon wi' pretty coloured lights scattered through them like stars made it maist romantic, an' A' ken it had its effect on mair nor yin buddy, but A'm no gie'in on yin buddy awa. The ither room was a blaze o' lights an' extremely modern.

A juist wish they gaffen a Minuet on the programme. A'd ha'e enjoyed dancin' it, fur its some years sin' A dancin' yin in ma quilted satin petticoat an' panner goon. This is a suggestion A'll mak tae them fur their next ball, an' A'll dance a minuet wi a gracie that wad ha'e been welcome at Holyrood in the guid auld days.

A'm just wonderin' why they didna ha'e a Bean-Settin' after the Barn Dance.

Puir Wullie must ha'e been losin' at "Boodles" fur at yav time o' the night he cam tae me "Maggie, A'm no saun tae play awy mair, but A'm no fur dancin'. Men'll never danc fur dancin' sake an' ye wimmen dance fur mairn' else, so A'm gaun tae watch the lassies an' get introduced tae the nice yins." Ma Wullie's a rheelosopher.

We didna gaun in wi the crood tae supper.—(we hadna time) but run in

CROUP.

EVERY young child is susceptible to croup. Don't wait until this dreadful disease attacks your little one before you prepare for it. It comes usually at night, and this alone should be a warning. Get and keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at hand. It cures croup, acts quickly and is absolutely harmless. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

SPORTS.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

LADIES' SECTION.

The draw for the Captain's Cup, kindly presented by Mr. A. Ritchie, is as follows:—
Bye—Mrs. Joseph W. Taylor and Mrs. Cassidy.
Bye—Mrs. Maidland and Mrs. McKenny.
Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Bonnar.
Bye—Mrs. Leask.
Bye—Mrs. Kilgour and Mrs. J. W. Stewart.
To be played at Happy Valley.
First Round to be played on or before January 20; Second Round, January 30; Third Round, February 10; and Final, February 20.

The following is the result of the Mixed Foursome Competition held at Fanling on December 26 last:—
Miss Moxon and Major Leslie Smith (winners) 67—13=84
Mr. and Mrs. Redmond 100—13=87
Mrs. Maidland and Mr. S. H. Dowell 92—5=87
Miss Gordon and "C."
Bulmer Johnson 99—11=88
Miss Gurner and Capt.
Warner 103—15=88
Miss Duff and Comdr.
McCowan 105—16=89
Mr. and Mrs. N. L.
Smith 102—13=89
All other returns were 90 or more.
Half combined handicap was taken.

CRICKET.

C.C.C. v. INDIAN R.C.

The following will represent C.C.C. in the League Fixture to be played on the latter's ground to-day at 2 p.m. Team—L. E. Lammer, F. G. Thompson, M. H. Abbas, U. M. Omar, W. Hall, S. Jex, H. W. Ramsay, D. K. Kharas, J. Kennedy, Y. Abbas, and R. Bassa.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. W. Logan & Co. report on Jan. 9:
Our market is still suffering from the effect of high exchange and tightness of money and the amount of business transacted during the week under review has been very small in consequence. In Shanghai also business is very slack and quotations are for the most part nominal. At the close we are informed by wire that the market is improving.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have buyers at \$555.
Marine Insurance.—Unions sales have taken place at \$180, also North China at \$160. Canons are in demand at \$350.

Shipping.—Indo-China (preferred) are wanted at \$20 and deferred shares at \$210. Shell Transports are strong in London, the rate being £12 ex div. The local rate is 230s/- (ex div.) buyers. Steamboats have buyers at \$214. Star Ferries are weak with sellers at \$30.

Refineries.—China Sugars, business has taken place at \$212 with further buyers at \$211. Malabons after sales at \$46 are wanted at \$47.4. Docks and Wharves.—Kowloon Wharves after remaining nominal at \$90 for a good period have buyers at that rate. Kowloon Docks are weak with sellers at \$170. Shanghai Docks remain quiet at \$115 nominal, Shanghai only offering to buy at \$113.

Cottons.—The market in Shanghai we are informed has a tendency to improve. The following are the latest quotations: Evos, Tls. 500 ex div. cum rights; Kung Yiks, Tls. 514; Lou Kung Mows, Tls. 300; Oriental, Tls. 300; Shanghai Cottons, Tls. 320 (sellers); and Yangtzepeos, Tls. 324.

Miscellaneous.—China Borneos have buyers at \$15. China Lights \$7 (old) and \$5 (new). China Producers \$7.60. Dairy Farms \$22. Electric SBT, Steam Laundries \$34. Water Bots \$114. Powells \$12 and Wisemans \$274, all buyers.

for a five mienite snack. My but it was tasty. Boar's head an' Turkey an' Ice Cream an' Lobsters, an' an' awfu' lot o' ether nice things that A canna remember. It was guid; an' the lovely roses for the decorations! A' was wantin' tae tak some home, but Wullie wana let me.

A couldna tell ye hauf aboot it, fur A was busy dancin' a' night an' hadna time fur as much detail as A could wish tae gie ye.

A'm juist gaun aff tae Sincere's sale noo. It's a 10 per cent. discount sale, an' I frae what A saw of it yesterday its worth gaun tae fur cloth an' ether things.

Hamish is out wi' Wullie wi' the motor-bike, an' Jean's gaun wi me, fur she wants wool tae learn te mak socks fur her father.

We send our love tae ye, an' hope the cold weather isn't too bad.
Ye're freen,
MAGGIE MACKAY.
P.S.—Hoos ye're Auntie Jane's cough an' rheumatis.

BOXING.

LOCAL ASSOCIATION'S SECOND TOURNAMENT.

NOVICES' COMPETITIONS.

Some lively "mills"—with one or two exceptions, not very scientific in nature, but nevertheless full of "pep"—were witnessed at "The Ring," Volunteer Headquarters, last evening, when the first rounds and semi-finals in the Novices' Boxing Competitions were held under the auspices of the Hongkong Boxing Association. The bouts which were fought under N.S.C. rules, took place in a spacious, marshalled specially constructed for the occasion under the personal supervision of Mr. Frank H. Dillon of the P.W.D., who is responsible for the plans of the boxing "fans" present last night, on the roominess of the marsh, were very favourable, and the hope is expressed in more than one place that a permanent structure be put up on some convenient site and tournaments be held regularly every month.

Some of last night's bouts were spoiled to some extent by the fact that several men were allowed to fight out of their class—lightweights competing in the welter class, and welterweights in the middle and so forth.

Under these circumstances, even fights are quite impossible in many instances, and the lighter man is either knocked out early in the first round or severely damaged after going through the full three rounds.

THE RESULTS.—

FEATHERWEIGHTS.

FIRST SERIES.

P. C. Condon (125 lbs.) K.O. St. Gosling (123 lbs.) first round.
Pte. Burrows (119 lbs.) beat St. Towse (126 lbs.) on points.
L. Tel. Conway (125 lbs.) beat Pte. Drew (116 lbs.) referee stopped fight in first round.
Lce.-Corpl. Nye (119 lbs.) beat A. B. Byrne (121 lbs.) on points.

SEMI-FINAL.

P. C. Condon (125 lbs.) sparred three rounds with sparring partner.
L. Tel. Conway (125 lbs.) K.O. Lce.-Corpl. Nye (119 lbs.) first round.

LIGHTWEIGHTS.

FIRST SERIES.

Pte. James (132 lbs.) K.O. Stoker Haddock (135 lbs.) first round.
St. Barratt (129 lbs.) sparred with sparring partner.
Gunner Hudson (140 lbs.) beat A. B. Compton (132 lbs.) on points.
Ship's Cook North (134 lbs.) sparred three rounds with a sparring partner.

SEMI-FINAL.

Ship's Cook North (134 lbs.) beat Gunner Hudson (140 lbs.) on points.
Pte. James (132 lbs.) sparred three rounds with a sparring partner.

WELTERWEIGHTS.

FIRST SERIES.

Pte. Dadd (142 lbs.) beat Boy Harris (133 lbs.) Harris retired in first round.
Pte. Woodley (135 lbs.) sparred three rounds with a sparring partner.
A. B. Mathie (129 lbs.) sparred three rounds with a sparring partner.
Officer's Steward Coulthard (129 lbs.) sparred three rounds with a sparring partner.

Lce.-Corpl. Rogers (142 lbs.) beat Pte. Jones (141 lbs.) Jones retired in first round.

A. B. Simmons (136 lbs.) K.O. A. B. Trace (141 lbs.) first round.

A. B. Bailey (139 lbs.) sparred three rounds with a sparring partner.

A. B. Nethercott (146 lbs.) sparred three rounds with a sparring partner.

SECOND SERIES.

Pte. Dadd (142 lbs.) beat Pte. Woodley (135 lbs.) Woodley broke left thumb and retired in first round.

A. B. Mathie (129 lbs.) K.O. O. S. Coulthard (129 lbs.) first round.

Lce.-Corpl. Rogers (142 lbs.) beat A. B. Bailey (139 lbs.) Bailey retired in first round.

A. B. Simmons (136 lbs.) walk over from A. B. Nethercott (146 lbs.).

SEMI-FINAL.

A. B. Simmons (136 lbs.) K.O. Lce.-Corpl. Rogers (141 lbs.) first round.

Pte. Dadd (142 lbs.) beat A. B. Mathie (129 lbs.) Mathie who gave away 13 lbs. retired in second round.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS.

FIRST SERIES.

E. R. A. Sergeant (162 lbs.) K.O. A. B. Fellowes (140 lbs.) first round.

Corpl. Gee (154 lbs.) K.O. Pte. Thorne (157 lbs.) first round.

A. B. Hatch (151 lbs.) beat A. B. Badnager (154 lbs.) Badnager retired in first round.

Sergt. Dawes (156 lbs.) K.O. Boy Hall (142 lbs.) first round.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. R. A. Sergeant (162 lbs.) K.O. Corpl. Gee (154 lbs.) first round.

A. B. Hatch (151 lbs.) beat Sergt. Dawes (156 lbs.) on points.

In the Featherweight class, Pte. Driscoll of the Wiltshire Regiment was to have fought Stoker Towse of H.M.S. "Alacrity," but failed to turn up, and his place in the competition was taken by Pte. Burrows, whose right thumb went out in the fight with

Towse, gave P.C. Condon a walk-over in the second series of the tournament.

The fight between Lce.-Corpl. Nye (Wiltshires) and A. B. Byrne ("Alacrity") in the featherweight class was such a close affair, that an extra three-minute round had to be fought before Nye secured the verdict.

In the Lightweight class, Stoker Barrett ("Carlisle") who sparred well with Officers' Steward Daniels in the first round of the competition, retired from the competition in the second round and gave Pte. James (Wiltshires) a walk-over.

In the Welterweight class, Pte. Slade (Wiltshires) who was to have fought Pte. Woodley (Wiltshires) was, on medical grounds, prevented from taking the ring, and Woodley who was given a bye, sparred three rounds with Pte. Woodward (Wiltshires).

A. B. Osborne ("Ambrose") who was to have fought Leading Stoker Woods ("Carlisle") was not allowed ashore, and instead of taking a bye, Woods dropped out of the competition.

Consequent upon the retiring of Osborne and Woods, A. B. Mathie ("Ambrose") and Officers' Steward Coulthard ("Ambrose") who were to have fought each other in the first round of the competition, were given byes and both went into the second round.

A. B. Holt ("Ambrose") who was given a bye in the first round of the competition, did not take the ring and was substituted by A. B. Bailey ("Ambrose") who sparred three rounds with Stoker Amy.

Leading Stoker Seale ("Carlisle") who was to have met A. B. Trace ("Alacrity") in the first round, broke his arm on board ship and was unable to take the ring. His place was taken by A. B. Simmons ("Carlisle") who worked his way to the final.

In the second round of the Welterweight competition, A. B. Nethercott ("Ambrose") who was given a bye in the first round retired, giving A. B. Simmons ("Carlisle") a walk-over.

OFFICIALS.

The following were the officials:—Judges: Lt.-Colonel Loring, C.M.G., D.S.O., Major Rapson, D.S.O., Lt. Ansell, R.N., and Lt. Dickinson, R.N.; Referees: Messrs. H. J. Gedge, W. Logan, A. Murdoch, and J. S. McCann; In Charge of Scales: Lieut. Beavan, Wilt. Regt.; Medical Officer: Capt. Monteith, D.S.O.; R.A.M.C.; Time-keepers: Messrs. Thos. Pitt and A. B. Allan.

Mr. J. C. Wildin acted as M.C.

TONIGHT'S BOUTS.

The following bouts will be fought to-night:—

NOVICES' COMPETITION FINAL.

FEATHERWEIGHT.

P. C. Condon (125 lbs.) v. Leading Telegraphist Conway (Ambrose) (125 lbs.)

LIGHTWEIGHT.

Pte. James (Wiltshires) (132 lbs.) v. Ship's Cook North (Carlisle) (134 lbs.)

WELTERWEIGHT.

Pte. Dadd (Wiltshires) (142 lbs.) v. A. B. Simmons (Carlisle) (136 lbs.)

MIDDLEWEIGHT.

E. R. A. Sergeant (Ambrose) (162 lbs.) v. A. B. Hatch (Ambrose) (151 lbs.)

FEATURE CONTESTS.

FEATHERWEIGHT.

Ten Round Bout between Stoker Neal (Kowloon Torpedo Depot) and Seaman Webb (Ambrose).

WELTERWEIGHT.

Six Round Bout between C.E.R.A. Hudson (Kowloon Torpedo Depot) and Stoker May (Carlisle).

MAIN EVENT.

Fifteen Round Contest for the Welterweight Championship of the Colony, between Sergt. "Sky" Kerrison (R.N.Y.P.) holder, and Seaman Parsons (Ambrose) challenger.

The next boxing tournament is provisionally fixed for February 14.

BILLIARDS.

PALACE HOTEL HANDICAP.

In this Handicap last night quite a surprise was sprung upon the audience when G. M. Bayley—125 beat F. L. Cooke—125 by 52 points. Every one expected Cooke to win this game but Bayley played such excellent billiards as to quite outshine his opponent. Bayley made breaks of 28, 25, 17, 17, 16, 15, 15, 14, while Cooke could only compile 22, 16, 15.

The semi-finals take place next week. On Monday E. D. Golding—200 meet W. G. Gerrard—125 in the semi final and a good game should be witnessed. Game commences at 9 p.m.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

The s.s. "Hohow" brought general cargo from Shanghai.

The "Pheumpan" brought 1,500 tons of rice from Haiphong.

The "Neleus" from Yokohama brought 1,500 tons of general through cargo.

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The "Satsuki Maru" from Chinwangtao brought 1,180 tons of coal for Hongkong.

The "Chenan" from Shanghai brought in 1,350 tons of through and 948 tons of direct cargo.

The "Ixion" came in with 8,000 tons of through and 700 tons of direct cargo from Vancouver.

The "Edmore" Admiral Line arriving from Seattle, carried 1500 tons of through and 710 tons of direct cargo.

POST OFFICE.

Telegraphic Communication with Gap Rock Lighthouse is interrupted.

A telegram has been received from the U.P.O. London stating that there are no restrictions on the importation of sugar by parcel post into the United Kingdom and that no parcels of sugar recently sent from Hongkong have been confiscated.

A direct exchange of Money Orders with the Republic of China will come into operation on and after the 1st January, 1930.

The Money Order Service with the Philippine Islands will be resumed on the 1st Jan., 1930.

The parcel post service to Cuba is suspended.

It is notified that all restrictions as to the use of wireless telegraphy by Merchant Vessels on the China Station have been abolished.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

No unofficial letter addressed to Abadan, Ahwas or Mohammara in the Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in weight.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS.

SATURDAY, January 10.

Straits—Per U.M.T.A.
Straits—Per COMMANTANT MAGES.
Shanghai—Per SUYANG.
SUNDAY, January 11.

Straits—Per IYO MARU.
TUESDAY, January 12.

Shanghai and Japan—Per PENANG MARU.

OUTWARD MAILS.

SATURDAY, January 10.

Haiphong—Per RALPHIN, 8 a.m.
Shanghai North China and Japan via Mei—Per N.Y. 10 a.m.
Macao—Per SUY TAI, 10 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok and Calcutta—Per YATSHING, 8 a.m.

Formosa via Kowloon—Per TEIKAI MARU, 8 p.m.

Macao—Per CHUN, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow—Per SHANSHU, 4.30 p.m.

Per HOI W, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, January 11.

Macao—Per SUY TAI, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Kowloon—Per K. I. Y. MARU, 9 a.m.

Haiphong—Per SUY TAI, 9 a.m.
Hoikow—Per SUY TAI, 9 a.m.

Hoikow and Bangkok—Per CHANG-CROW, 8 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per CHENAN, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 11.

Macao—Per SUY TAI, 8.30 a.m.
Haiphong—Per HANGCHOW, 8 a.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per IYO MARU, 10 a.m.

Japan via Kobe—Per YAMAGUCHI MARU, 10 a.m.

Haiphong—Per HANOI, 1 p.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhannash-kott, Egypt and EUROPE via SUEZ—Per NELEUS, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

The Parcel Mail will be closed on Saturday, 10, at 5 p.m.

Macao—Per CHUN CHOW, 4.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, January 12.

Swatow, Amoy and Poochow—Per HAICHING, Noon.
Amoy—Per SUY TAI, 3 a.m.
Macao—Per CHUN CHOW, 4.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, January 13.

Swatow and Straits—Per LUOHOW, 8 a.m.
Macao—Per SUY TAI, 8.30 a.m.
Macao—Per CHUN CHOW, 4.30 p.m.

"AIDA"

BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE AT THEATRE ROYAL.

There was a packed house at the Theatre Royal last night to greet the Russian Grand Opera Company in their presentation of "Aida" (Verdi) which was carried to a great success.

The inspiring music and the splendid singing roused the audience to enthusiasm which found vent in loud bursts of applause and cries of appreciation.

The scene is laid in Memphis and Thebes, in Pharaoh's time. Aida, the daughter of Amonasso, King of Ethiopia, has been captured by the Egyptians and is a slave at the Court of Memphis where she and the young soldier Rhadames have fallen in love with each other. Rhadames goes to the Egyptian war and during his absence the King's daughter, Amneris, discovers his attachment and is furious as she herself loves Rhadames. Rhadames returns covered with glory bringing many prisoners among them Amonasso, Aida's father. The King releases all the prisoners except Amonasso and bestows his daughter upon the unwilling Rhadames. In the next scene Amonasso forces his daughter to persuade Rhadames to become a traitor. The latter's love for Aida and his distaste for the approaching union with Amneris leads him to consent. Amneris has overheard the plot and after vainly trying to induce Rhadames to abandon Aida she denounces him as a traitor and he is condemned to be buried alive. When the vault is sealed he discovers Aida who has concealed herself there that she might die with him and the lovers slowly suffocate in each others arms.

The first scene contains much of merit and some very dramatic effects. Mr. Frobenjensky (Rhadames) had ample opportunity of demonstrating his fine tenor in the well known "Heavenly Aida," and in a duet with Mr. Voceff (Ramses, the High Priest), entitled "In thy visage I trace" in which Rhadames is told that he has been selected by Isis to be the leader of the army against Amonasso. This leads on to an impassioned trio between Rhadames, Aida (Miss Guseva) and Amneris (Miss Burskaya), the scene closing with "Return a conqueror" by Aida. It was here that Miss Guseva scored a great hit. Possessed of a fine soprano voice she sang with perfect control and the loud applause which followed was more than deserved. The next scene is in the Temple of Vulcan, the music takes on an Oriental character, the chorus singing the solemn "O mighty Pharaoh" Rhadames is installed as commander-in-chief, receiving a banner. The chorus "O mighty one, guard and protect" which closes the scene was given with great effect. The main feature of the second act is the duet between Amneris and Aida in which the latter declares her love for Rhadames, who returns a conqueror, bringing with him Amonasso, the King of the King and people "Glory to Egypt, to Isis" is a fine opening to the next scene and here it may be mentioned that the chorus seemed much better than on the previous night. They sang with greater expression and verve. The appearance of Amonasso (Mr. Hochloff) brings with it some good bass singing. He sang "This my garment has told you already" with great dramatic force and power and this indeed was a feature of all his work. It is in the third act that Rhadames is induced to play the traitor. He meets Aida and together they sing "Again I see thee." Amonasso reveals his identity making way for the trio "I am dishonoured" which was the gem of the act. The closing scenes of the opera are a fitting climax to a great work. Rhadames and Aida are shown in the tomb where they sing "The fatal stone now closes over me" while above is heard the chanting of the priestly ceremonies. Aida dies and the opera concludes with the beautiful "To die pure and lovely" by Rhadames.

To every one who took part in the opera the evening was nothing but praise. The audience was simply carried away. To-night "La Gioconda" will be produced.

However annoying shipping delays may be some people mostly benefit. In this case the Hongkong public may congratulate itself that it will have another opportunity of hearing Mr. Edgar Warwick's Variety Fair Company who are to perform at the Peak Hotel to-night. The performance commences at 9.30 p.m. and the price of admission is \$3. The management of the hotel is to be congratulated on providing what is bound to be an enjoyable time for its patrons.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

NOTICE.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

1st SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 11th, 1930.

Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.)

Service, Mebecke.

Hymns, 24, 75, 318, 353 (4), 451.

Matins (11 a.m.)

Responses, Festal: Veni, o Farrant; Psalms, Turner and Davy (9th day); Wesley (12th evening); Te Deum, Barry, Turle and Turle (13th evening); Benedictus, Troutbeck.

Hymns, 73, 79.

God Save the King.

N.B.—Psalm 48 verses 1, 7 and 11 in unison.

Psalm 47, verses 8 and 9 in unison.

Psalm 67, verses 1 and 2 in unison.

Hymns 74, verses 1 and 5 in unison.

Hymns 79, verses 1 and 3 in unison.

Litany (12 noon).

Evangelist: 8 p.m.

Responses, Festal: Psalms, Crotch and Hurvey (3rd evening); Magnificat, Turner, Perring (3rd evening); Nunc Dimittis, Barry.

Hymns, 418, 78 and 80.

Solemn Amen.

Voluntary, Chant: Prelude on "Dundee" (Farrant).

N.B.—Psalm 138 verses 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 20, 25, 29, 31, 38, 47 and 51 in unison.

Hymn 443, verses 1 and 7 in unison.

Hymn 74, verses 1 and 3 in unison.

Hymn 81, verses 1, 3 and 7 in unison.

N.B.—Chant: Practice next Friday at 6.00 p.m.

Calvin Church, Kennedy Road.

Sunday Services, January 11th.

Morning Service 11 a.m.

Hymns 359, 345, 353, 354.

Psalm 48.

Evening Service, 6 p.m.

Hymns 10, 505, 443, 370.

Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.

St. Peter's Church, West Point.

Sunday, December 23.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.

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6.30 Evening Service.

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It came out, telegraphs the *Daily Chronicle* correspondent, that "The Great Zodik," who in private life is known as Jim Kimber, was wanted by the Worcestershire police in connection with the issuing of worthless cheques, and was smartly arrested by Detective Austen when on his way to the entertainment.

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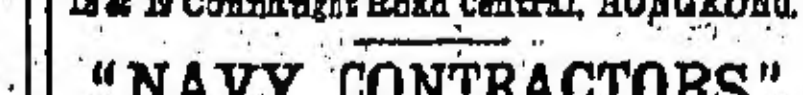
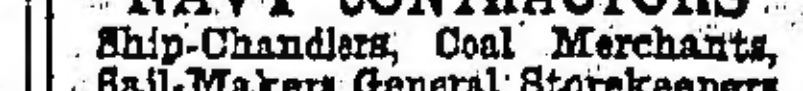
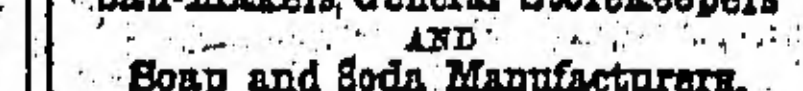
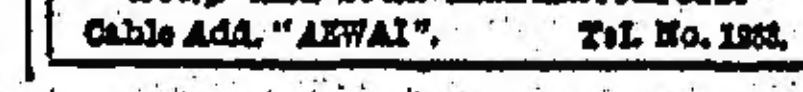
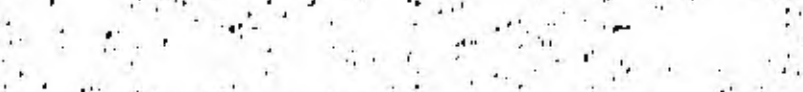
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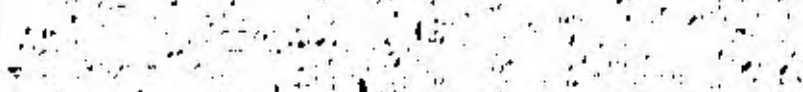

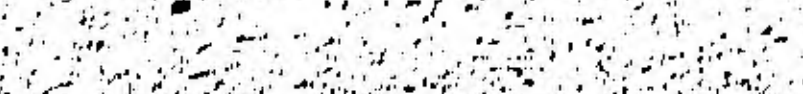
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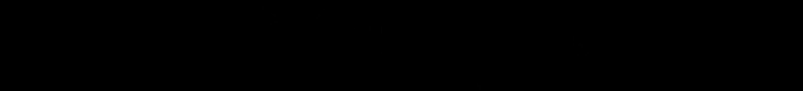
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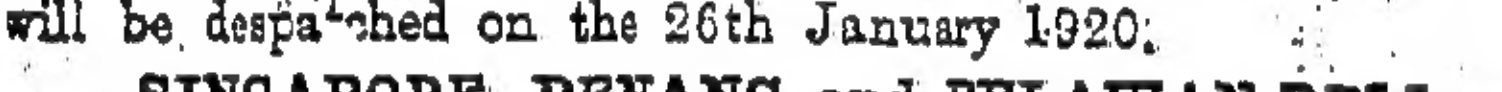
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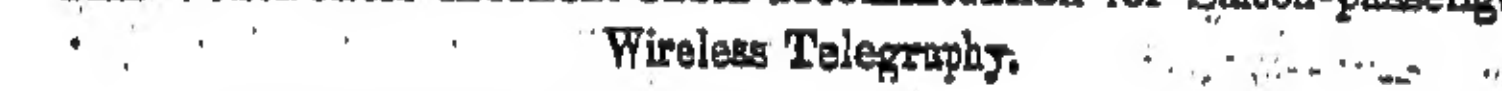
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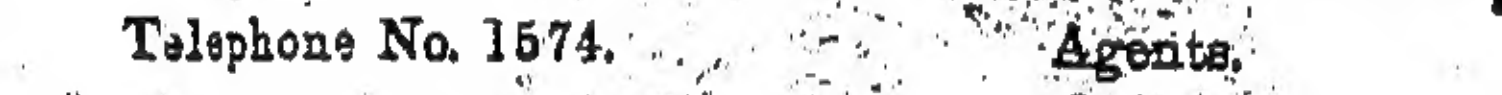
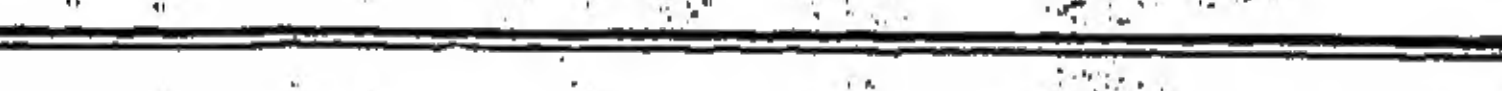
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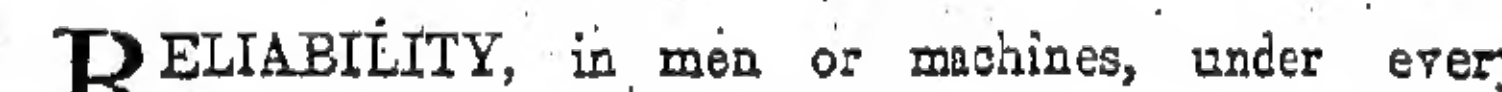


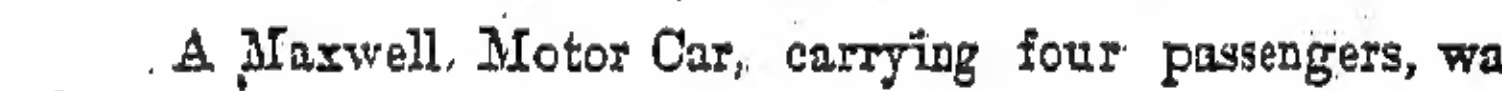
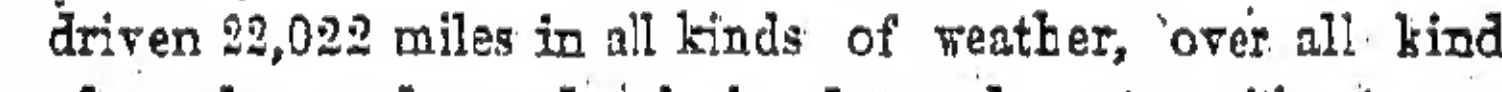
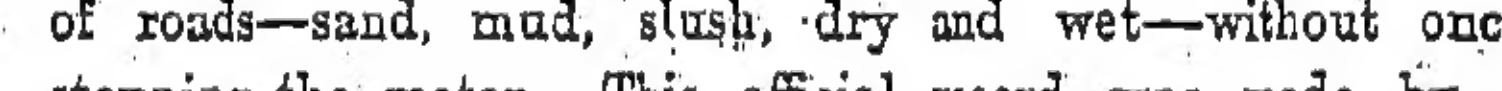
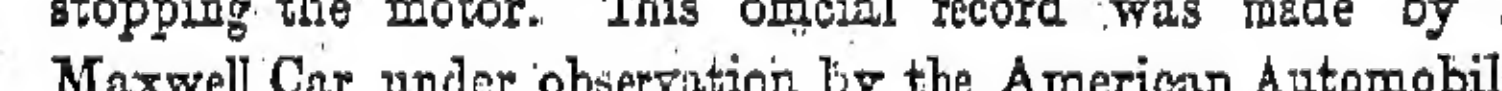
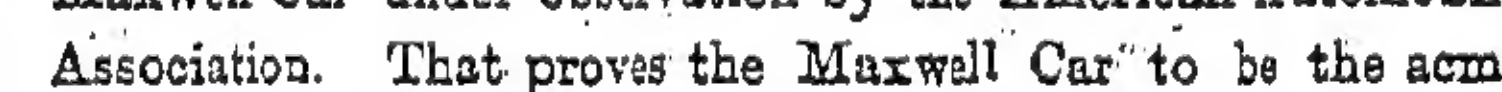
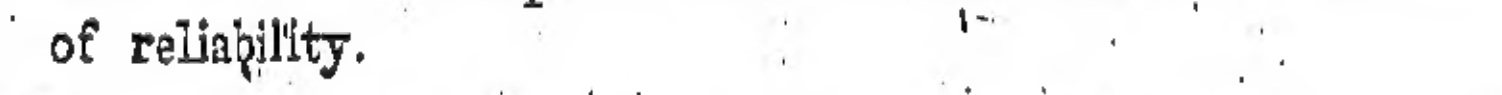
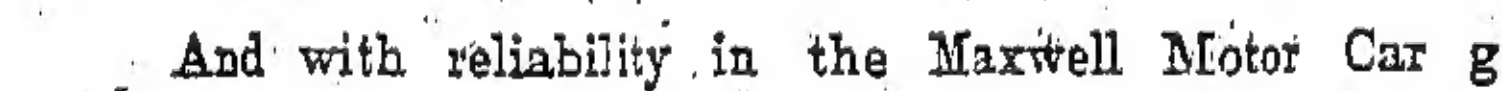
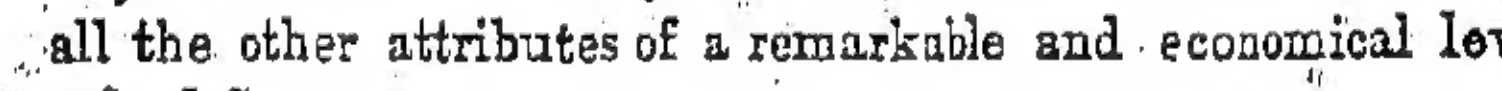






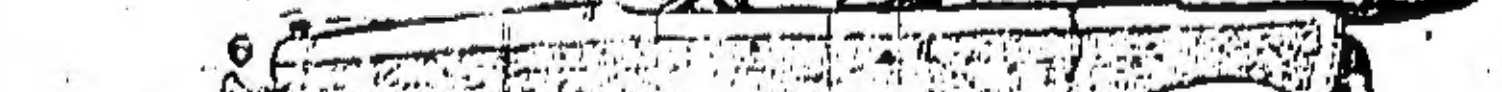
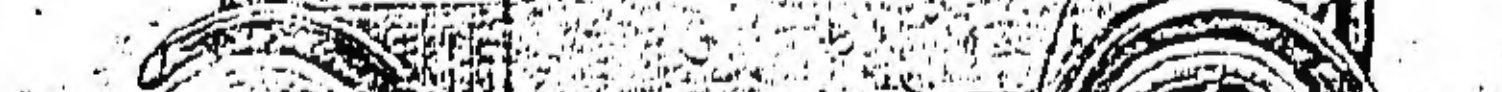
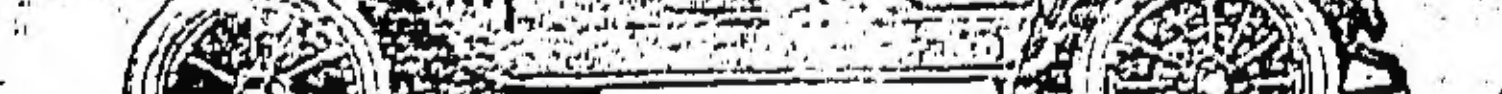
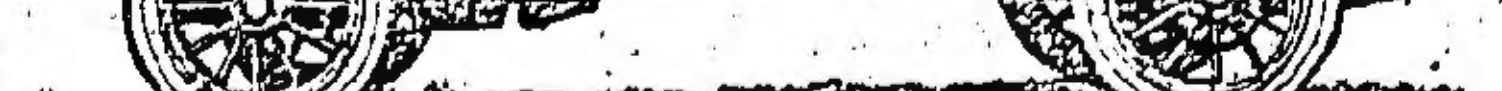
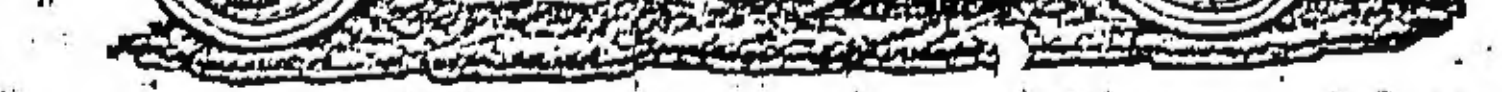


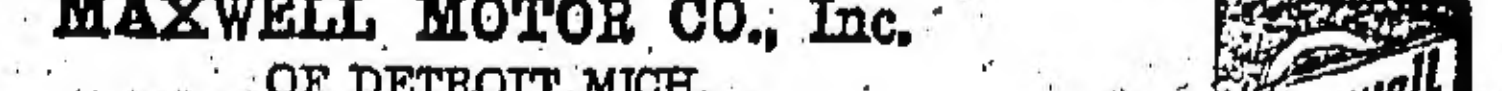






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THE WEEK'S CHAT.

My first duty in this week's chat is to endeavour to correct the impression which Adversaria has formed, about "Ugging" "Utches." I feel it is up to me to speak on behalf of every respectable woman who attended St. George's Ball and who was spartan enough to face the cold sitting out accommodation on the verandah.

"Heat Soit" is not a very popular motto in a small place, where topics of conversation are limited and where it is more amusing to believe evil than good.

It is, however, a bit far fetched to imagine that a decent woman would lay herself open to insult or scandal, by leaving a ballroom in the intervals of dancing to spend a few minutes in a semi-secluded, easy corner on a very public verandah.

If Adversaria had seen these dens of supposed iniquity and temptation, he would at once have realized that his contention "that such retreats at public places invite and suggest immorality" is quite unfounded.

They were really perfectly innocent. Rows of frail bamboo divided the verandah into tiny cubicles, just large enough for two uncompromisingly straight chairs; light bunting screened the upper part, and the flags which hung at the entrance to each, were looped back. The occupants were in full view of passers-by and a woman sitting out with a man, in one of these, was better chaperoned and less open to scandal than a woman who receives a man caller in her own house, when she is alone. We always take it for granted naturally, that the men the women of our acquaintance dance with, in short the women who were invited to St. George's Ball, would have sufficient discrimination in the choice of their friends, not to dance or sit out with men, who would be likely to insult them or to approach them in a state of semi-intoxication. I think these few words will clear the reputation of the married women, who sat out in "Ugging" "Utches" with men, other than their husbands, and we need not look out for any grave scandal, as a result of the action of the committee of St. George's Ball, in following a very old method of providing stinging out accommodation.

Now for Solon.

In my last chat I made the mistake of taking this gentleman seriously, when he appealed to return soldiers to join F.D.D.S.S. and to leave Comrades severely alone.

I expressed my desire to find out whether he, or anyone else had established or had any intention of estab-

lishing a branch of the federation he supported.

Apparently his intention was not to gain support for the F.D.D.S.S., but just to air his views, on any old subject, out of pure love of ink slinging.

He ignores my questions and endeavours to convey a very false impression as to my former correspondence.

I do not remember crying aloud that I knew the mind of a soldier and his hopes and fears; nor do I remember suggesting a sort of Y.M.C.A. for the salvation of his soul or the entertainment of his mind.

All I suggested was that a branch of Comrades of The Great War should be started in Hongkong. In support of this suggestion I stated that in my experience "Comrades of The Great War" had done excellent work in finding employment for returned soldiers and in looking after the pensions and interests of the dependants of the killed and disabled, also in forming a strong federation for protection and comradeship. Comrades was not started by stay-at-home women; in fact in some countries, women are not admitted, unless they have served with the forces, as nurses, W.A.A.C.S. or in one of the branches open to women's service. It is a little difficult to understand why Solon should have gone out of his way, to write such an attack on women as he's put into the mouth of his fictitious soldier. The ending of the letter is really rather funny. He writes about the soldier that "He may see in a flash how he dealt with the German and how he may yet deal with you." Poor old Solon! Why, me? Why any poor well meaning woman? He seems to have a bee in his bonnet. I can assure him that I do not want to start a soldiers' club, I do not want to defraud the returned soldier of his just pay, and what is more, I have not lived on his pay or on the sweat of his brow while he fought my battles. I and many other women had to help to fight his battles and the battles of his children by working for bread and scrape during the war. We had to do it, because our bread winners were winning freedom for themselves and for us and their children's children.

I know all about the poverty and injustice he and his suffered, when he sacrificed his business and his prospects to go. I know all about his bitterness and what is more, I knew it at first hand. A man does not suffer alone whether he is a husband, a son or a brother; his women folk know quite a lot about his feelings, because they share his suffering as they hope to share his success and his joy.

Anyone reading Solon's letter would imagine that he was trying to squash some interfering busy body of a woman, who is on the lookout for a nice cushy job by which she may gain cheap notoriety.

That sort of clap trap is played out. It has always been the fashion for a certain type of man to make women the butt of his wit.

After the South African war, people remembered the efforts of a few society women to gain kudos by visiting hospitals and making a nuisance of themselves, while the real hard-work of those whose names did not appear in print was forgotten. Solon is trying to do the same thing to-day. He discounts women's work, without doing any good to the original cause for which he presumably rushed into print.

I am going to the opera to see "Aida." People who saw "Carmen" the first night are unanimous in their praise. I am told that bookings for the season are excellent. The company has come with a good reputation and it should be a treat for all music-lovers.

Hongkong has been crowded out, during the last few weeks. Soldiers, trippers and business people fill the hotels, while they wait for ships to take them to their destination. Old residents return and cannot find a hole to go to. Lots of money seems to be flowing all over the place and there is a general air of gaiety and prosperity about the town.

It is a bit of struggle to get a seat in the Peak Tram these days, and some of the women are quite handy with elbows. One little lady nearly barged me back into the car from which I was trying to descend the other evening. I had to stand still for a moment to regain my balance. She did not apologize.

The Vanity Fair company, which is leaving next Tuesday, is giving a special performance at the Peak Hotel, to-night, Saturday. It ought to be rather a nice change from the conventional theatre going. Several of the members have been giving popular entertainments at Wiseman's and there is to be another special entertainment at the Victoria Theatre on Monday night. I hear that the men at the "Sailors' Home" all thoroughly enjoyed the concert organized by Mrs. Hay. They say the whole thing was so informal and jolly and they loved the choruses, with Mr. Cochrane acting as conductor.

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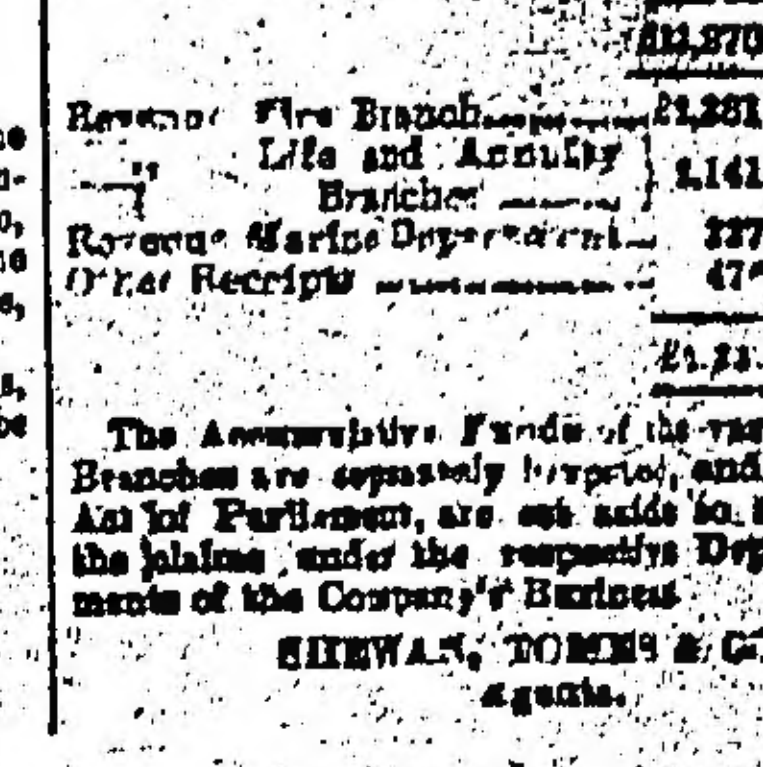
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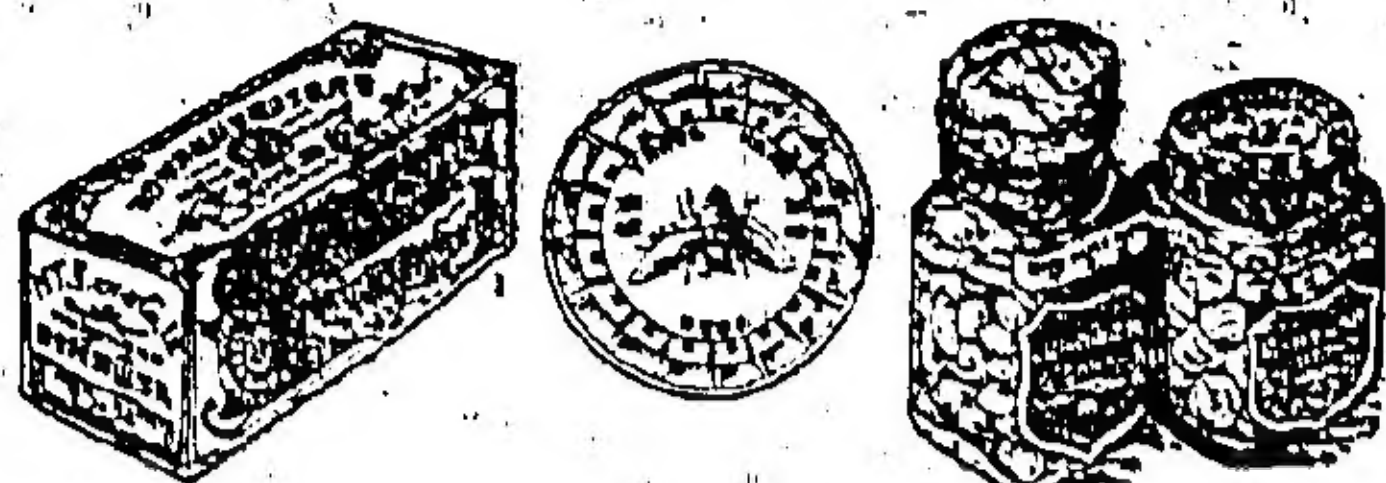
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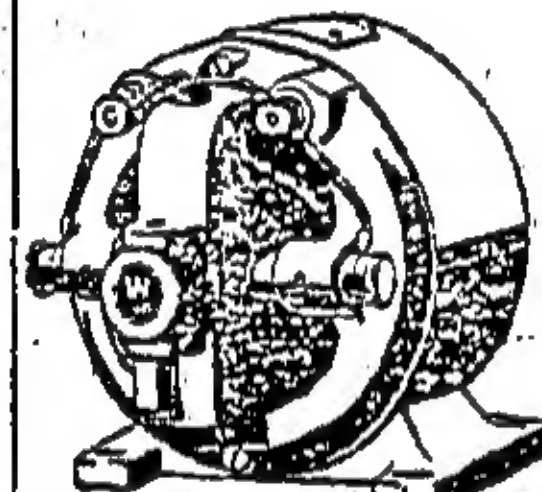
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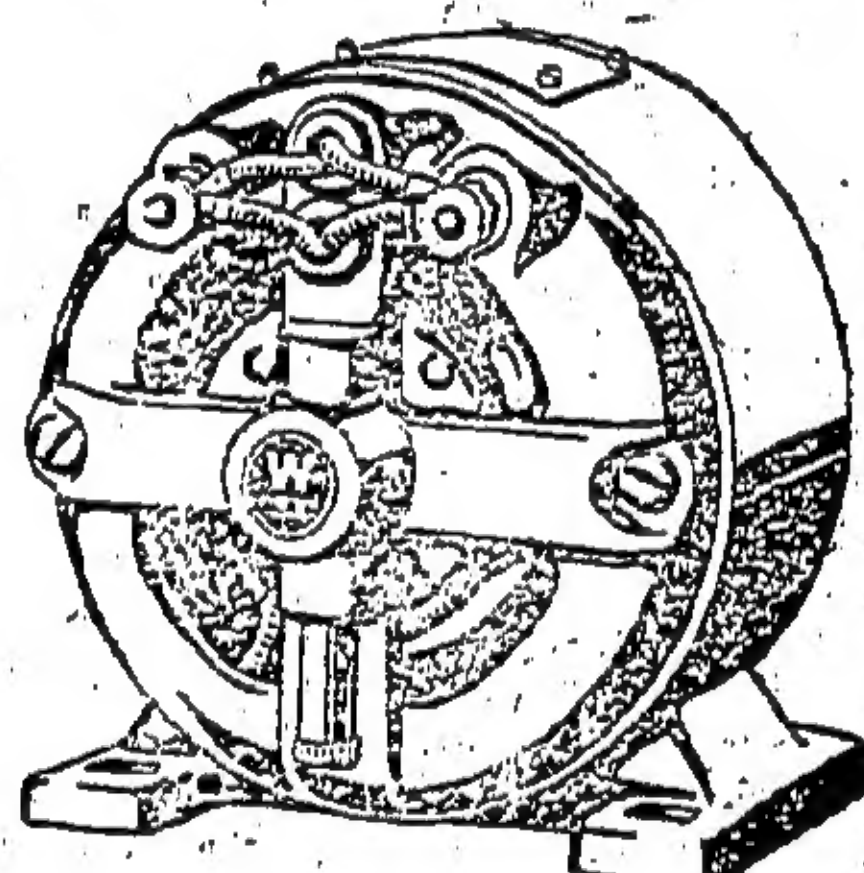
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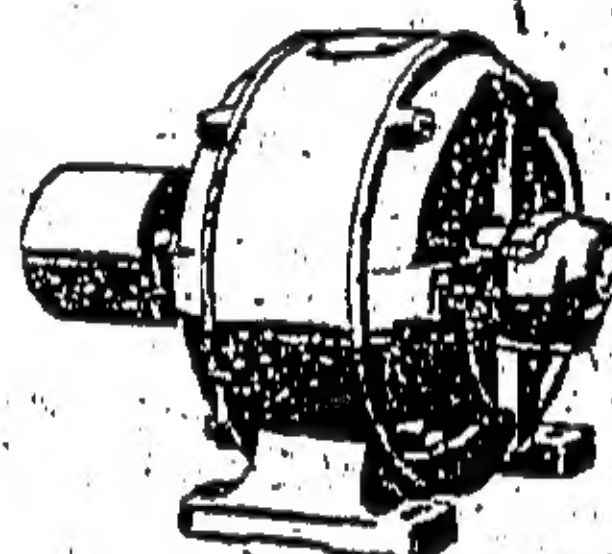
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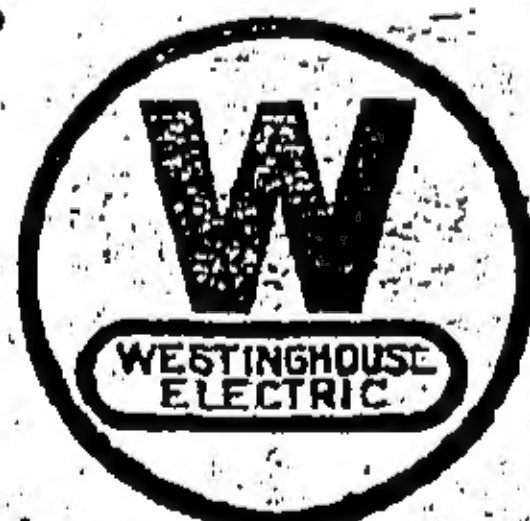


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